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rehabilitation of 72 MGD capacity is also being taken up under YAP-II in Delhi. So far, an amount of Rs. 686 crore has been utilized under YAP-I and YAP-II.

Regularization of pre-1980 forest encroachments

2629. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has furnished a complete proposal under Forests Conservation Act, 1980, in respect of seventeen districts of the State for regularization of pre-1980 forests encroachments in accordance with guidelines of the Government of India dated 18th October, 1990;

(b) if so, for how many districts the approval have been received, so far;

(c) how much time do Government require to give the approval for the pending proposals; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Central Government for the same so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The in-principle approval of Central Government for regularization of encroachments in 9 districts, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has already been granted on 23.08.2006.

(c) and (d) The proposal for regularization of encroachments in remaining districts is under process.

Utility of projects

†2630. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has questioned the utility of several projects concerning his Ministry and recommended their immediate discontinuance;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction on the said recommendations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that pollution at all levels has increased ever since the said Ministry came into existence;

(d) if not, the details of achievement State-wise; and

(e) the details of various schemes being run by Government and mechanism in place for control and evaluation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has taken a number of measures to control air and water pollution which includes notification of standards for various industries, identification of polluting industries for installing pollution control devices, regular monitoring for compliance of standards enforcement of stricter auto exhaust standards for new vehicles at the manufacturing stage, use of improved fuel quality, stringent diesel generator set emission norms, promoting gas based power plants and cleaner technologies; the overall impact on pollution of these measures has been beneficial.

(e) Details of various schemes being run by this Ministry are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of various Schemes being run by the Ministry

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme
1.	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
2.	Industrial Pollution Abatement through Preventive Strategies
3.	Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP)
4.	Establishment of Environment Protection Authorities and Environment Commission & Tribunal
5.	Assistance for Abatement of Pollution and Environment Policy and Law
6.	Clean Technology

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme
7.	Environmental Impact Assessment
8.	Hazardous Substances Management
9.	Botanical Survey of India (BSI)
10.	Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
11.	G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development
12.	Biosphere Reserves
13.	Conservation and Management of Mangroves, Coral Reefs and Wetlands
14.	Assistance of Botanic Garden and Centres for Conservation and Propagation of Endemic, Rare and Endangered Plants
15.	Biodiversity Conservation
16.	Taxonomy Capacity Building Project
17.	Research & Development
18.	Environment Education, Training & Awareness
19.	National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)
20.	Centres of Excellence
21.	Environmental Information System I(ENVIS)
22.	National Natural Resource Management System (NNRMS)
23.	Indo-Canada Environment Facility (ICEF)
24.	Gol-UNDP-CCF Programme
25.	International Co-operation Activities
26.	State of Environment Project
27.	Information Technology (IT)
28.	Adaptation and Capacity Building Project on Climate Change (ACPCC)
29.	Civil Construction Unit (CCU)
30.	Organizational Strengthening and Re-positioning of Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO)-Madhya Pradesh

SI.No.	Name of the Scheme
	and Strengthening Natural Resource Management & Farmers Livelihood in Nagaland
31.	National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD)
32.	National River Conservation Plan (NRCP)
33.	National Lake Conservation Plan
34.	Indian Council for Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE)
35.	Grant-In-Aid to Indian Plywood Industries Research and Institute (IPIRTI)
36.	Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM)
37.	Training to IFS Officers
38.	Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA)
39.	Directorate of Forestry Education (DFE)
40.	Gregarious flowering of Muli (<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>) Bamboos
41.	Forest Survey of India (FSI)
42.	Integrated Forest Protection Scheme
43.	Strengthening of Forestry Divisions
44.	Strengthening of Wildlife Division & Consultancies for Special Tasks
45.	Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries
46.	Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
47.	National Zoological Parks
48.	Project Tiger
49.	Bio-diversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project
50.	Project Elephant
51.	Central Zoo Authority (CZA)
52.	Animal Welfare
53.	National Afforestation & Eco-development Board (NAEB)
54.	National Afforestation Project (NAP)
55.	Eco Task Forces

The schemes generally have an inbuilt monitoring and review component. These are also reviewed/monitored regularly at Secretary and Minister's levels. Senior Officers of the Ministry also visit States, as nodal officers, to, *inter-alia*, review monitor these schemes.

Assistance to State Governments for controlling pollution

†2631. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated or propose to formulate any scheme to provide assistance to State Governments especially Delhi Government for controlling industrial and environmental pollution; and

(b) the fund provided as assistance for this purpose during the last three years alongwith head-wise details of the expenditure made by State Governments, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The details of the financial assistance extended to the States under the National River Conservation Programme for abatement of pollution in the identified rivers on sharing basis during the last three financial years and the amounts utilized are indicated in the enclosed statement-I *see* below. Financial assistance was also extended to the States during the last three financial years under other schemes, such as, (i) the Scheme of 'Assistance for Abatement of Pollution' for strengthening of the State Pollution Control Boards etc. (ii) For setting up Common Effluent Treatment Plants for small and medium enterprises (iii) For setting up common treatment, storage and disposal facilities for hazardous wastes and demonstration projects for management of Municipal Solid Waste etc. under the Scheme of 'Creation of Infrastructure for Management of Hazardous Substances' (Details at Statement II) (*see* below). The details of financial assistance released under the National Air and Water Quality Monitoring Programmes to various research institutions, Universities, State pollution control boards etc. in the States by the Central Pollution

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